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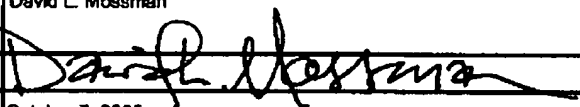
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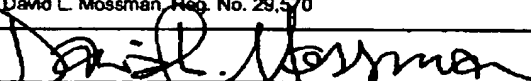
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The claims remaining in the application are 1 through 43; claims 20-38 and 40-43 are elected herein and claims 1-19 and 39 are withdrawn.

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